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Serial No.: 10/713,699

Filed: November 14, 2003

For: Improved Strings for Musical  
Instruments

) Group Art Unit: 2837

) Examiner: Kimberly R. Lockett

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**LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL**

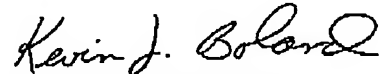
Dear Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Patent Application:

1. Response to Election/Restriction (1 page)

**THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND IS REQUESTED TO CHARGE ALL FILING FEES DUE UNDER 37 CFR §1.16 AND ALL OTHER FEES DUE UNDER §1.17 DURING THE PENDENCY OF THIS APPLICATION TO OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 07-1729.**

Respectfully submitted,



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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION / RESTRICTION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on June 2, 2006, Applicants  
present the following remarks.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has required restriction to one of the  
following inventions:

Group I, claims 1-61, 72, and 73, drawn to a guitar string,  
classified in class 84; and

Group II, claims 62-71, drawn to plastic, classified in class 264.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to prosecute the invention  
claimed in Group I.

Should the Office have any questions, the Office is advised to  
telephone Applicants' undersigned representative.

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